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Mail Stop Patent Application

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Re: Rule 1.53(d) Divisional Application
Application of Henrik BOTTCHER, Hellmuth WURM
and Manfred L. HALLENSLEBEN
"METHOD FOR PRODUCING DEFINED LAYERS OR LAYER SYSTEMS"
Attorney Docket No.: 3968.098

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior parent Application No. **09/763,588** filed on February 22, 2001, entitled **"METHOD FOR PRODUCING DEFINED LAYERS OR LAYER SYSTEMS"**.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Tatyana Zalukaeva in Group Art Unit **1713**.

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

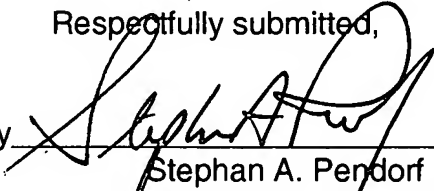
An executed Declaration of Inventorship was filed in the parent application. No new matter is being introduced by the Preliminary Amendment.

Total claims $\frac{4}{3} - \frac{20}{3} = \underline{\quad} \times \$18 = \$$
Independent Claims $\frac{3}{3} - \frac{3}{3} = \underline{\quad} \times \$86 = \$$
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Request for Divisional Application for U.S. Application No. **09/763,588** filed **February 22, 2001**, entitled "METHOD FOR PRODUCING DEFINED LAYERS OR LAYER SYSTEMS" and a stamped receipt post card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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